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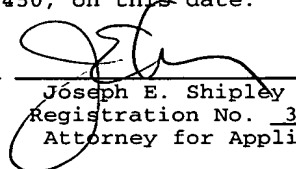
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following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issued</u>
3,995,563	Blunden	Dec. 7, 1976
4,077,330	Peisner et al.	Mar. 7, 1978
4,751,883	Bealer	June 21, 1988
4,834,608	Middaugh et al.	May 30, 1989
4,917,021	Murphy	Apr. 17, 1990
5,032,044	Dorst	July 16, 1991
5,320,046	Hesch	June 14, 1994

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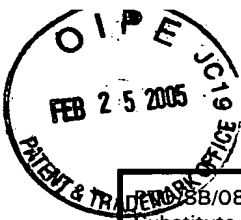
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